

## STATE OF DELAWARE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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RE: DELMARVA POWER BASE RATE CASE (PSC DKT. 20-0149)

## DEAR PARTIES:

AFTER CAREFULLY REVIEWING THE PARTIES' FILINGS AND CITED LEGAL AUTHORITIES, AS WELL AS COMMISSION PRECEDENT AND DELAWARE LAW, I HAVE DECIDED TO DEFER THE PUBLIC ADVOCATE'S AND STAFF'S JOINT MOTION TO STRIKE CERTAIN PORTIONS OF REBUTTAL TESTIMONY DIRECTLY TO THE COMMISSION TO DECIDE. ULTIMATELY, THE COMMISSION MUST DECIDE THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE. I THINK ITS DECISION SHOULD OCCUR SOONER RATHER THAN LATER.

DESPITE MY REFERRAL TO THE COMMISSION, I HOPE THAT THE PARTIES WILL CONSIDER SETTLING THIS ISSUE. ALTHOUGH I DO NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO ORDER MEDIATION, MEDIATION OF THIS ISSUE, IN FACT THE ENTIRE RATE CASE, SEEMS WORTHWHILE TO ME.

YOURS CORDIALLY

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SENIOR HEARING EXAMINER